

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 21, 2005, claims 1-8 are cancelled. Claims 9-11 are now active in this application. No new matter has been added.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102 AND § 103

I. Claims 1, 2 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Moro (USPN 5,995,245).

II. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moro.

III. Claims 3, 4 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moro in view of Matsuda (USPN 5,808,756).

IV. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moro in view of Matsuda (USPN 5,764,379), newly cited.

V. The indication that claims 9-11 are allowable is acknowledged and appreciated.

To expedite prosecution, claims 1-8 are cancelled, leaving claims 9-11 pending in this application.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues

that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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